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SUBJECT: CARRYING OF WEAPONS IN THE UK

REF: LONDON 10757 AND STATE 172513

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THOMAS

1. EDWARD V. HICKEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY, A/SY, AND PAUL S. RUNDLE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROTECTIVE FORCES, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, PLAN TO VISIT LONDON IN AUGUST. WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL DATES WHEN FIRM. PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS TO EXPLORE WITH HOST OFFICIALS POSSIBLE WAYS TO REACH MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS. THIS JOINT APPROACH BY SENIOR OFFICIERS OF THE TWO AGENCIES MOST DIRECTLY AND FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION IS REGARDED HERE AS BEST WAY TO SECURE EXPEDITIOUS SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM YOU BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WHILE INSURING THAT THE INTERESTS OF NEITHER SECURITY NOR DIPLOMACY ARE IGNORED IN
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THE PROCESS.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, SECRET SERVICE DIRECTOR H. STUART KNIGHT AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ARRIVE LONDON, AUGUST 4 FOR SHORT VISIT FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. WHILE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT GROUP WILL MEET WITH SCOTLAND YARD OFFICIALS, DIRECTOR KNIGHT DOES NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF U.S. SECURITY PERSONNEL CARRYING WEAPONS IN UK.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER MC GUIRE BE INFORMED OF THE HICKEY/RUNDLE VISIT, SINCE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASKING HIM, IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TO MAKE CERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE THEIR MISSION.

4. HICKEY AND RUNDLE WILL BRIEF YOU PERSONALLY ON ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE YARD. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU MAY GIVE THEM.
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